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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO
IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 10 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a note addressed to you by the Reverend Orestes González Crúz, President of the Cuban Ecumenical Council, relating to the economic embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba; I believe that it should be brought to the attention of the representatives of Member States (see annex).

Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCÓN de QUESADA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 4 September 1991 from the President of the Cuban Ecumenical Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they
shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:9

We Christians have been discovering the hand of God in the origins of time; He is guiding individuals, peoples and institutions towards the realization of His will, and God's will is that we should all take part in His Kingdom, which is justice, love and peace.

The Cuban Ecumenical Council, an organization uniting churches and institutions which are working for peace and love among men, cannot remain detached when injustice and enmity are violating the life of peoples.

For these reasons, as Christians who belong to the Cuban people, we note with great satisfaction that our Government's representative to the United Nations, Mr. Rafael Alarcón de Quesada, has proposed that the question of the embargo against Cuba be considered by the General Assembly at this session.

We cannot be indifferent to the unjust economic embargo against Cuba, since it has meant that the people have had to pay a high price for these past 30 years and more.

Because it disregards the supreme dignity of man, because of its degrading implications for health, well-being and development and because it violates the right of every human being to life itself, we have decided to address ourselves to you, asking you to heed our plea, as Christians and as Cubans, in order that we may be allowed to determine our future freely and in a sovereign manner.

We believe that there are inviolable principles which identify us as Christians, compelling us to reject the commercial embargo imposed on our country; we know that God will place in your mind and heart the will to ensure that justice shines forth for the good of all our people, and we hope that this question will be considered at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

We ask God to give you wisdom in your efforts and we ask you, Sir, to accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. Orestes González Cruz
President

(Signed) Rita Oliva Valdés
Executive Secretary
Cuban Ecumenical Council